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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE WEEK IN REVIEW JANUARY 16-22

1. SUMMARY. POLITICAL ASSASSINS ADDED ANOTHER 55 VICTIMS TO THE TOLL OF THE DEAD LAST WEEK. UNCONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS ON THE CONTINUING WAR SPOKE OF 17 SOLDIERS AND 11 GUERRILLAS DYING IN COMBAT. TERRORIST ACTIONS INCLUDED A NUMBER OF ROBBERIES BUT VERY FEW BOMBS. IN ADDITION, SECURITY FORCES CAPTURED AN FPL LETTER WHICH THREATENED ITS RECIPIENTS WITH RETALIATION IF THEY PARTICIPATED IN THE APPROACHING ELECTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. DEATHS AND DISAPPEARANCES.

AT LEAST 55 PERSONS DIED AS A RESULT OF POLITICAL MURDER LAST WEEK. RESPONSIBILITY FOR FIVE OF THEY MURDERS WAS

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ASCRIBED BY THE PRESS TO LEFTIST FORCES. THE KILLERS OF THE REMAINING 50 INDIVIDUALS COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. IN ADDITION TO THOSE KILLED, A TOTAL OF FOUR PERSONS WERE REPORTED DISAPPEARED DURING THE WEEK, A SUBSTANTIAL DROP FROM LAST WEEK'S REPORTED TOTAL OF 23. RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DISSAPEARANCES COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. FINAL, INCOMPLETE AND UNCONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS INDICATED THAT AT LEAST 17 SOLDIERS AND 11 GUERRILLAS FELL IN THE ONGOING FIGHTING.

3. SOME STATISTICS.

THE BODIES OF THE 55 VICTIMS OF POLITICAL MURDER WERE DISCOVERED IN THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT:

SANTA ANA 17
LA LIBERTAD 2

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR
REVIEWED BY FS DATE 10/29/87
RDS ☐ or XDS ☐ EXT. DATE
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LA UNION 2
SAN VICENTE 2
TOTAL 55
AN AGE BREAKDOWN OF THE DEAD YIELDS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION
A. AGES 17 AND UNDER 6
B. AGES 18-25 12
C. AGES 26-35 10
D. AGES 36-50 9
E. AGES 51 AND OVER 4
F. AGE UNKNOWN 14
G. TOTAL 55
A BREAKDOWN BY OCCUPATION PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS: 5
5 EMPLOYEES
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1 STUDENT
2 WATCH REPAIRMEN
3 BUSINESSMEN
1 COLLEGE DEAN
1 ELECTRICIAN
33 UNKNOWN
3 FARMERS
1 TEACHER
1 LABORER
1 MERCHANT
1 SALESMAN
2 CAMPESINOS
55 TOTAL
RM INCIDENTS.
TERRORIST INCIDENTS CONTINUED AT THE SAME RATE AS IN RECENT WEEKS AND CONSISTED OF SKIRMISHES, INTERRUPTIONS OF ELECTRICAL AND TELEPHONE SERVICE, AND HARASSING ATTACKS. THERE WAS A NOTICEABLE ABSENCE OF BOMBS DURING THE WEEK (ONLY ONE WAS DETONATED IN THE CAPITAL), AND A NOTICEABLE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ROBBERIES ALLEGEDLY PERPETRATED BY GUERRILLAS IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.
5. ELECTIONS AND THE LEFT.
RECENT PRESS ARTICLES HAVE REVEALED INCREASING ANTIPATHY ON THE PART OF GUERRILLA FORCES FOR THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS. ONE ARTICLE DETAILED THE LARGE NUMBERS OF SALVADORANS SOLICITING REPLACEMENTS FOR CEDULAS STOLEN BY GUERRILLAS ('CEDULAS ARE A REQUISITE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ELECTIONS). ANOTHER PRINTED THE TEXT OF A LETTER CAPTURED FROM THE FUERZAS POPULARES DE LA LIBERACION (FPL) (REPORTED SEPTEMBER) OVERTLY THREATENING PARTICIPANTS IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS.
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